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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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7 RICHARDO SALOM et al.,

8 Plaintiff(s),

9 v.

10 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC et al.,

11 Defendant(s).

CASE NO.
2:24-cv-00444-BJR

12 **I. INITIAL SCHEDULING DATES**

13 The Court sets the following dates for initial disclosure and submission of the
Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan:

14 Deadline for FRCP 26(f) Conference: 6/3/2024

15 Initial Disclosures Pursuant to FRCP 26(a)(1): 6/10/2024

16 Combined Joint Status Report and Discovery
Plan as Required by FRCP 26(f)
and Local Civil Rule 26(f): 6/17/2024

17 The deadlines above may be extended only by the Court. Any request for an
extension should be made by email to the Courtroom Deputy Clerk at
natalie_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov. If Defendants have appeared, the parties are
18 directed to meet and confer before contacting the Court to request an extension.

19 In matters that are exempt from initial disclosures, the parties must jointly prepare
and submit a Joint Proposed Case Plan, indicating whether the matter may be resolved
20 via dispositive motions or case briefs and proposing a schedule for the filing of
21 such motions or case briefs, oppositions, and replies. The case plan must also contain
a statement regarding the possibility of settlement and propose a method to explore
22 settlement. In these types of cases, the Joint Proposed Case Plan shall be filed on the

1 docket and submitted to the court via email within **THIRTY (30) days** of the
2 latest answer deadline, even if dispositive motions are pending.

3 **II. JOINT STATUS REPORT & DISCOVERY PLAN**

4 All counsel and any pro se parties are directed to confer and provide the Court
5 with a combined Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan (the "Report") by
6 6/17/2024. This conference shall be by direct and personal communication, whether
7 that be a face-to-face meeting or a telephonic conference. The Report will be used in
8 setting a schedule for the prompt completion of the case. It must contain the following
9 information by corresponding paragraph numbers:

10 1. A statement of the nature and complexity of the case.
11 2. A proposed deadline for joining additional parties.
12 3. The parties have the right to consent to assignment of this case to a full
13 time United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c) and Local Rule
14 MJR 13 to conduct all proceedings. The Western District of Washington assigns a wide
15 range of cases to Magistrate Judges. The Magistrate Judges of this district thus have
16 significant experience in all types of civil matters filed in our court. Additional
17 information about our district's Magistrate Judges can be found here –
18 www.wawd.uscourts.gov. The parties should indicate whether they agree that the
19 Honorable Michelle L. Peterson may conduct all proceedings including trial
20 and the entry of judgment. When responding to this question, the parties should only
21 respond "yes" or "no". Individual party responses should not be provided. A "yes"
22 response should be indicated only if all parties consent. Otherwise, a "no" response
23 should be provided.

4. A discovery plan that states, by corresponding paragraph letters (A, B, etc.),
the parties' views and proposals on all items set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(3), which
includes the following topics:

- (A) initial disclosures;
- (B) subjects, timing, and potential phasing of discovery;
- (C) electronically stored information;
- (D) privilege issues;
- (E) proposed limitations on discovery; and
- (F) the need for any discovery related orders.

1 5. The parties' views, proposals, and agreements, by corresponding paragraph
2 letters (A, B, etc.), on all items set forth in Local Civil Rule 26(f)(1), which includes
3 the following topics:

- 4 (A) prompt case resolution;
- 5 (B) alternative dispute resolution;
- 6 (C) related cases;
- 7 (D) discovery management;
- 8 (E) anticipated discovery sought;
- 9 (F) phasing motions;
- 10 (G) preservation of discoverable information;
- 11 (H) privilege issues;
- 12 (I) Model Protocol for Discovery of ESI; and
- 13 (J) alternatives to Model Protocol.

14 6. The date by which discovery can be completed.

15 7. Whether the case should be bifurcated by trying the liability issues before
16 the damages issues, or bifurcated in any other way.

17 8. Whether the pretrial statements and pretrial order called for by Local Civil
18 Rules 16(e), (h), (i), and (k), and 16.1 should be dispensed with in whole or in part
19 for the sake of economy.

20 9. Any other suggestions for shortening or simplifying the case.

21 10. The date the case will be ready for trial.

22 11. Whether the trial will be jury or non-jury.

23 12. The number of trial days required.

 13. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all trial counsel.

 14. The dates on which trial counsel may have complications to be
considered in setting a trial date.

 15. If, on the due date of the Report, all defendant(s) or respondent(s) have
not been served, counsel for the plaintiff shall advise the Court when service will
be effected, why it was not made earlier, and shall provide a proposed schedule
for the required FRCP 26(f) conference and FRCP 26(a) initial disclosures.

 16. Whether any party wishes a scheduling conference before the Court
enters a scheduling order in the case.

1 17. List the date(s) that each and every nongovernmental corporate party filed
2 its disclosure statement pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 7.1 and Local Civil Rule 7.1.

3 If the parties are unable to agree on any part of the Report, they may answer in
4 separate paragraphs. No separate reports are to be filed. If the parties wish to have
5 a status conference with the Court at any time during the pendency of this action,
6 they should notify the Courtroom Deputy Clerk by email at
7 natalie_wood@wawd.uscourts.gov.

8 **III. PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY**

9 This Order is issued at the outset of the case, and a copy is sent by the clerk to
10 counsel for plaintiff (or plaintiff, if pro se) and any defendants who have appeared
11 Plaintiff's counsel (or plaintiff, if pro se) is directed to serve copies of this Order on
12 all parties who appear after this Order is filed. Such service shall be accomplished
13 within ten (10) days after each appearance. Plaintiff's counsel (or plaintiff, if pro se)
14 will be responsible for starting the communications needed to comply with this Order.

15 **IV. ALTERATIONS TO ELECTRONIC FILING**

16 **PROCEDURES AND COURTESY COPIES**

17 Information and procedures for electronic filing can be found on the Western
18 District of Washington's website at www.wawd.uscourts.gov. Pro se litigants may file
19 either electronically or in paper form. **JUDGE ROTHSTEIN DOES NOT ACCEPT**
20 **COURTESY COPIES OF PLEADINGS.** In addition, unless the proposed order is
21 stipulated, agreed, or otherwise uncontested, the parties need not e-mail a copy of
22 the order to Judge Rothstein's e-mail address.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED:** The 6th of May 2024.



BARBARA J. ROTHSTEIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE